**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS**

**Export growth target**

*101. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the export growth target for each of the past five years;

(b) what has been the actual growth; and

(c) whether there has been a shortfall and if so, what have been the reasons for each year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The target export growth rate excluding software for the last five years and actual growth rate in US $ terms are as follows:—

| Years | Target growth rate (%) | Actual growth rate(%) over corresponding period of previous year |
|---|---|---|
| 1995-96 | 17 | 20.8 |
| 1996-97 | 20 | 5.3 |
| 1997-98 | 18 | 4.6 |
| 1998-99 | 12.66 | 3.7* |
| 1999-2000 | 11.3 | 10.0*(April-Oct) |

*Growth rate for 1998-99 & 1999-2000 is based on Provisional DGCI&S data.

(c) Shortfall has been partly due to international factors such as recession in the world market, South-East Asian crisis as well as crisis in Russia and some of the Latin American countries. Infrastructural constraints and other impediments like narrow basket of exportable goods and low unit value realisation were other reasons.